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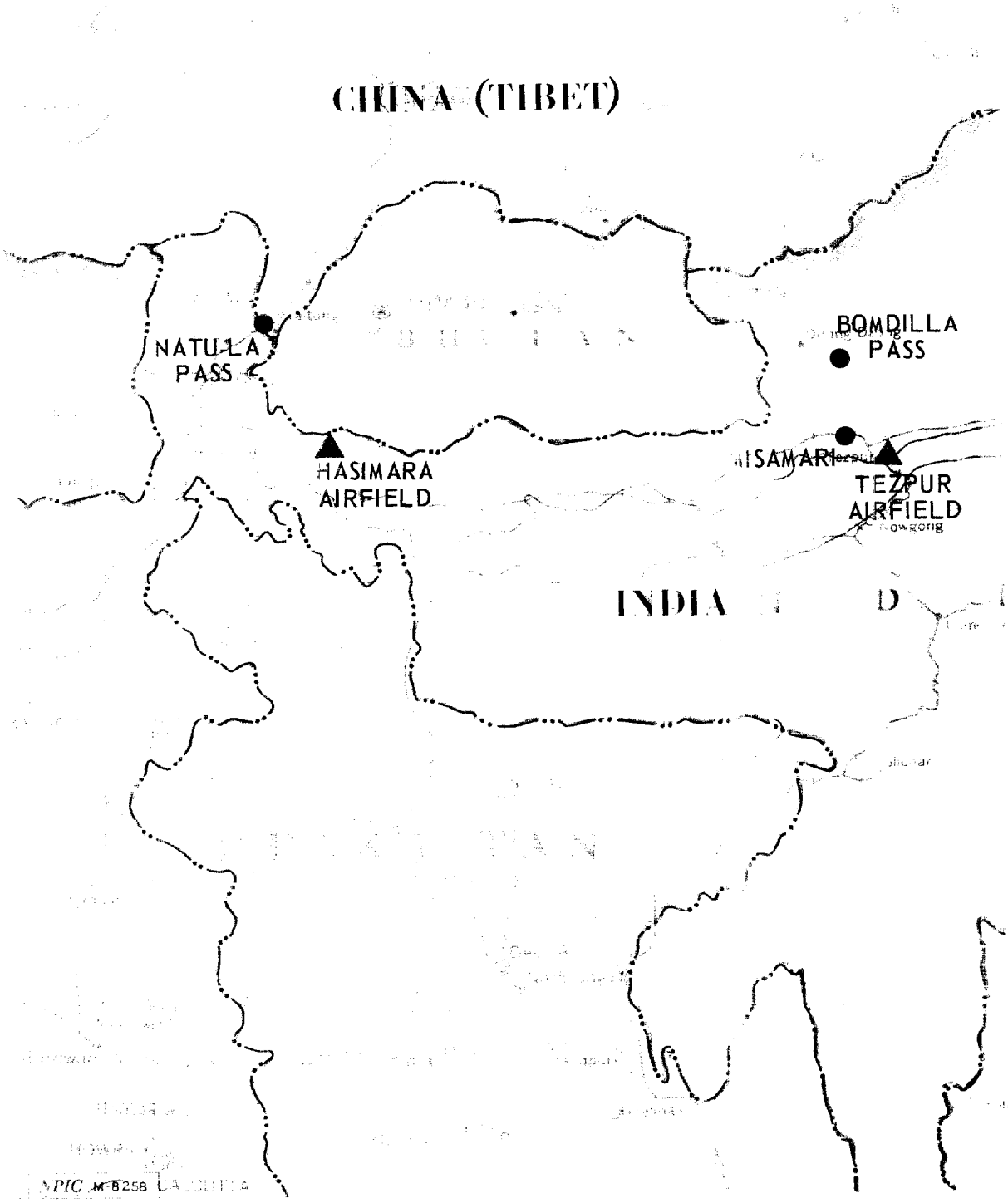

FIGURE 1. GENERAL LOCATION MAP

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EXPANSION OF HASIMARA AIRFIELD, INDIA

Major runway improvements and expansion at Hasimara Airfield, India, are observed on photography of [redacted] This construction will provide the Indian Air Force (IAF) with its longest runway in the Sikkim/China border area. Improvements are also proceeding concurrently at Tezpur Airfield, located 140 nautical miles to the east, along with the expansion of Misamari Storage Complex* and the Indian Army defenses in the Natu La Pass** and Bomdilla Pass areas of northeast India (Figure 1). 25X1

Improvements at Hasimara Airfield began after [redacted] and consist of extensions and probable improvements to the runway surface. A 305-meter (1,000-foot) and a [redacted] extension are observed in an early- to mid-stage of construction on the east-southeast and west-northwest ends, respectively. Although the present 2,713-meter (8,900-foot) runway is sufficient to support jet aircraft, the [redacted] runway extension will add an additional safety measure for heavily loaded jet fighters and bombers attempting takeoff (Figure 2). 25X1 25X1 25X1

The support facilities at Hasimara remain unchanged since [redacted] 25X1 25X1

25X1 [redacted] the IAF has been improving its air defense capability. The initial effort was confined to the West Pakistan border, but the expansion of Hasimara and Tezpur Airfields indicates that this effort is now being extended to include the China border areas in the northeast.

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25X1 *NPIC. [redacted] Expansion of Misamari Storage Complex, India, 25X1 Sep 69 (TOP SECRET [redacted])

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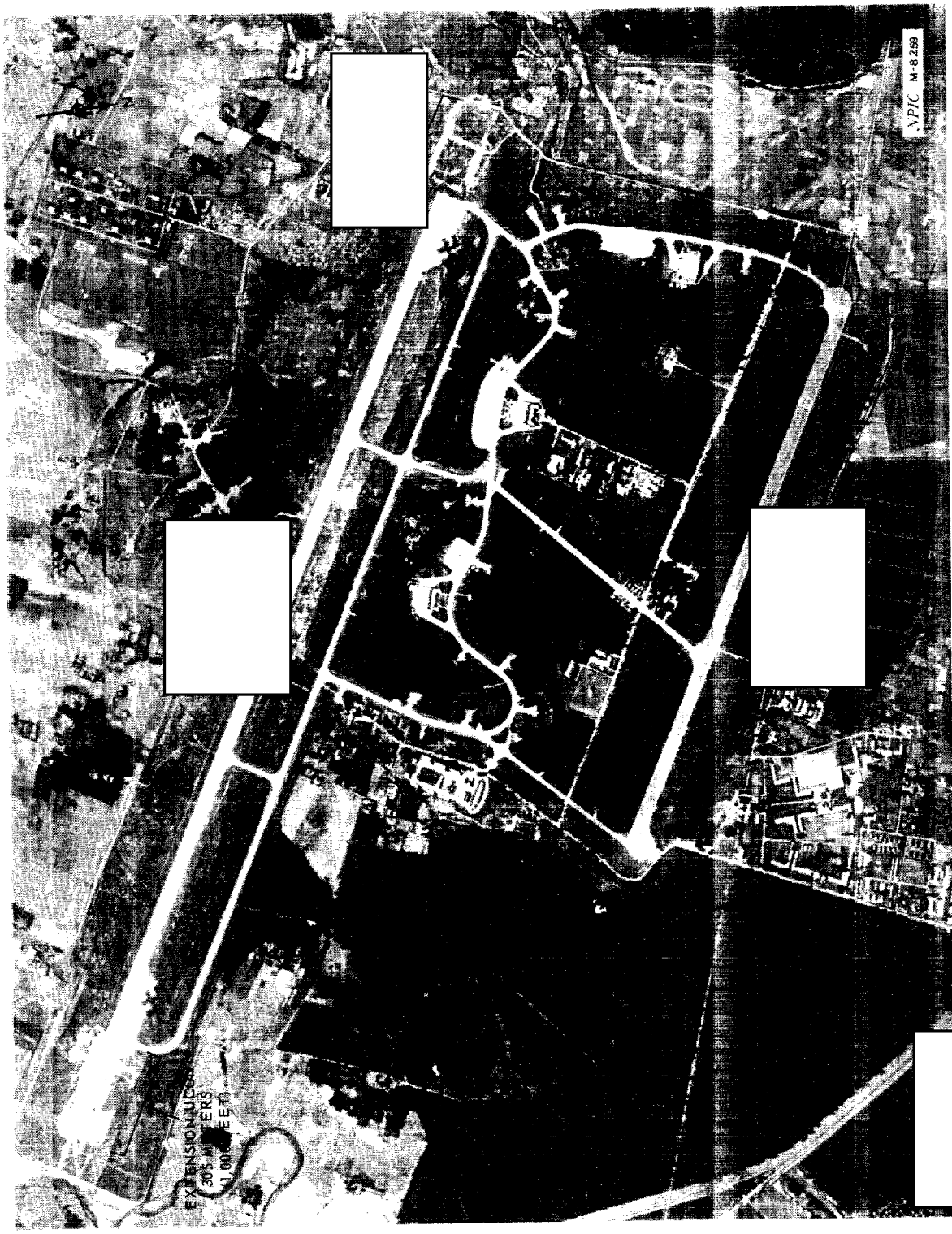

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